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## THE FARM CREDIT CLUB

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## ECHOES FROM AN OPEN HOUSE

The Governor's Open House on Christmas Eve was such an enjoyable occasion that many persons have expressed the hope that future observance may make it an FCA tradition.

## SEND SOLDIERS' ADDRESSES TO GIFF HOAG

Giff Hoag is making up a mailing list of addresses of FCA servicemen so that copies of "The Grapevine" may be sent to them. Employees are requested to assist him by furnishing these addresses currently as they hear of changes; servicemen themselves are also requested to notify "The Grapevine" of change of address.

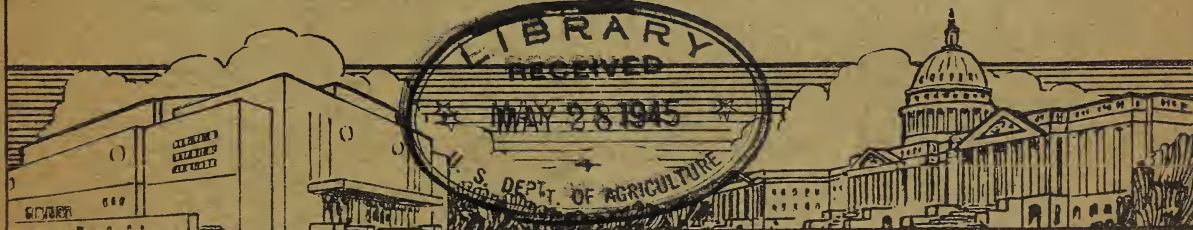
## THAT'S A SPANISH ACCENT

Did you ever hear a Scotchman speak Spanish? It's easy for him because he has no trouble rolling his r's. J. M. Willingham is one of the leaders of the Spanish Conversation Luncheon Club. "Jock" learned Spanish in Scotland. He shares with Bobbie Burns the distinction of being born in Ayr, Scotland. He came to the United States in 1907, and was stationed for years in Puerto Rico and Cuba as auditor for the United Fruit Company.

In Cuba he survived 3 revolutions, played polo, and participated in an exciting episode involving the ley de fuga or law of flight; get him to tell you about it. His 2 children were born in Cuba.

His services as one of the prime movers in the Spanish Conversation Luncheon Club are much appreciated by the members. For his part, he wants it known that he is always willing to help others learn Spanish.

Jock says that many persons have commented on his Scotch (Spanish?) accent, but that he has never been particularly aware of it himself.





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## REBIRTH OF RUMOR

An old friend returned to the central office of the FCA last week. Seasoned veterans of the rumor wars were amused and unmoved. Many newer employees probably have yet to learn that it doesn't take much capital to start a rumor but that a lot of people will take stock in it.

Join the FCA and see the United States. If you have a good imagination and would like to travel, you should acquire a cheap travel book and follow the rumors around the country. A person who makes himself master of the methods of government, civic advantages, and homely details pertaining to this and that city of the various States may acquire all the intellectual and social values of the widely traveled at small cost.

Who starts rumors? You do, by repeating them. There is no harm in rumors if you understand how improbable they usually are. If they merely amuse you, the hearing and telling of them is just another form of entertainment. If you are inclined to believe them and if they have the power to disturb you, by all means get in touch with one of our many FCA sophisticates and get a liberal education about the worthlessness of corridor fables.

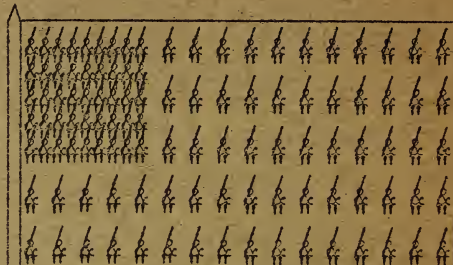
Would anyone care to join in the following prayer?

"Oh for a lodge in some vast wilderness,  
Some boundless contiguity of shade,  
Where rumor of a move to distant place,  
Might never reach me more."

(From Cowper's "Timepiece," slightly modified.)

## FCA SERVICE MEN

Each soldier in this flag represents an FCA Service Man.



New FCA Men to Service:

Lennartson, Roy W.	DePree, S. Byron
Hunsaker, Harold F.	Theis, John S.
McDuff, A. Leslie	Mobley, Clay

## Strictly Personal



Graphic. The Graphic Christmas party presided over by Santa Kenneth Smith went off in fine shape. The tree in all its glory was surrounded by prohibition punch, cookies, and sandwiches.....Ethel Webb spent Christmas in Carthage, Mo.....Ardath Warner was in St. Louis for the holidays.....Willis Vail and William Coultis spent Christmas in Topeka, Kansas, with their parents..... Friends of Roy (Mac) Norris wish him luck on his new job with the Coast Guard back in Washington.

### Economic and Credit Research.

Captain E. W. Imasche, Army Air Force, stopped in the Division for

a brief visit on December 28 while enroute to Washington, D. C., after spending Christmas at his home in Kansas.....E. C. Johnson spent Christmas week at his home..... Dorothy Heckman and Ruby Hanson also spent the holidays at their homes... Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mumford, Jr. entertained the following members of the Division at a turkey dinner on Christmas Day: Dagmar Berager, Earl Tonn, Donald Moore, and Martin Planting.

Mortgage Corporation. Phil Hopkins is now a private first class and was in for a visit from Camp Crowder.... Bill Finley on a Christmas furlough dropped in recently.....Major Jim Hall has been stationed in Washington, D. C.....Charlie McDowell is attending specialists school at Fort Knox, Kentucky.....Lorraine Dahlin has accepted an appointment in Washington, D. C.....H. E. Hunsaker is receiving his basic training with the 779 Technical School Squadron at Fresno, California.

Reference Unit. Margaret Flory left for Washington, where she will take a position with Archives. The office force entertained with a dinner in her honor at the Savoy.

Vise. Mary Gladys Page is spending the holidays at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Central Office Accounting. Hester Waters has returned after a few days

visit at her home in Muskogee, Oklahoma.....Mary Hague was called to her home in Omaha, Nebraska, recently because of the death of her father.....Miriam Lehman has transferred to the AIA in Denver, Colo.. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Karriker announce the birth of a daughter, Linda Lois, born December 7..... Mildred Hamilton spent the Christmas holidays at her home in Mayfield, Kentucky.....Sarah B. Schneider has received her first service stripe since graduation for completing 150 hours of duty in 3 months as a Volunteer Nurse's Aid at St. Luke's Hospital.....Ruth Peterson and Mildred Farrell entertained the employees of the Payroll Office at a lovely luncheon before the Christmas holidays.....Dorothy Martin spent Christmas holidays with her husband who is stationed at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama.....Mary Lewis has returned to Washington, D. C., to accept a position with Reconstruction Finance Corporation.. Leville McFadden and his wife spent Christmas holidays in Council Bluffs, Iowa.....Roberta Hooker and Margaret Ellefson are both doing fine after their tonsillectomy operations..... Mary F. Malone has returned to work after a short vacation spent here in Kansas City.....Leona Holland spent Christmas in Sarcxie, Missouri.... Helen Goff is vacationing in Hugo, Oklahoma.....Vencil Ward and family spent the holidays in Carthage, Missouri.....Charles Snyder spent



Christmas holidays in Ottawa, Kansas. Mildred Farrell and daughter visited Aileen Foster in Pawnee City, Nebraska, during the Christmas holidays.

Cooperative. Home for the holidays: Lee Van Volkenburg to New Jersey, Mildred Wilkes to Alabama, Bob Steffey to Oklahoma, Leora Welch, Helen Moritz, and Kay Price to Kansas.....J. B. Jones has transferred to the FCA at Baltimore..... Captain Robert Willey, who is now with the Quartermaster Corps of the U. S. Army, visited Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Dyke during the holidays.

Land Bank Division. Louise B. Shear returned to duty after visiting her husband who is stationed at the Greenville Army Flying School, Greenville, Mississippi. She spent Christmas at her home in Wichita, Kansas.....Marie A. Zandonini is spending the holidays in Washington.

Chief Clerk's Office. Lottie Adamek recently resigned to accept a position in the Department of State in Washington. Before starting her new work, she spent a pleasant vacation at her home in Texas.

Personnel. Those who spent Christmas or longer with homefolks or relatives are: Tillie Murray in Salem, Ohio; Polly McCoy in Denver, Colorado; Virginia Murrell in Emporia, Kansas; Catherine Bellas in

in Nebraska; Marie Zinn in Frankfort, Kansas; Carrietta Rech in Howard, Kansas; and Estelle Hutchins in Washington, D. C.....Bob and Eileen Coulter, temporarily of Omaha, were in Kansas City for a few days around Christmas.....Doris Boone is now Mrs. Kenneth Nunn. The wedding took place on Christmas Eve in Abilene, Texas. The groom is a Corporal in the U. S. Army and is stationed at Camp Barksdale, Texas.. Lois Ensign returned from Christmas vacation wearing an engagement ring. The happy young man is Jack Lee of Texas who expects to receive his wings in the Air Force soon..... Marie Zinn's mother is in St. Margaret's Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas, where she underwent a serious operation recently. Marie's sister, Margaret, has been here, too, in order to be with her mother. Personnel was glad to hear from its boys in the Service at Christmas-- Michael Sofchak on Guadalcanal; Dave Stanley at St. Petersburg, Florida; Burt Moyer at Camp Meade, South Dakota; Bert Sisson at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and Frank Nelson at San Diego, California.

Tabulating. William (Gene) Wright left FCA to spend the holiday season with his parents before being inducted into the U. S. Army..... Marie Storms visited her parents in Oklahoma over the Christmas holidays.....Ilo Marong enjoyed the holiday season with her husband who



visited her from Camp Crowder.

Stenographic. A Yuletide party was in full swing on the afternoon of December 23 in the Stenographic Section, and quite a merry time was had by all. Refreshments of delicious cookies, cakes, and ice cream were served, many enjoyed dancing far into the afternoon.....A farewell party was given Lottie Adamek by her many friends.....Mrs. Mary D. Lochbaum has been detailed to the Associate Solicitor's Office... Those who spent the holidays at their homes are: Helen Thorpe, Kentucky; Jessie Maddux, Oklahoma; Lillian Wortman, Illinois; Gertrude Spear, Kansas; Imogene Caldwell, Kansas; Mildred Wilkins, Arkansas; and LaVeta Dexter, Kansas..... Margaret Sterling spent the holidays with friends in Chillicothe, Missouri.....Helen Hofer has recently returned from an extended vacation in Utah and Idaho.

Finance and Accounts. Nancy Beatty spent the holidays with friends in Pleasant Hill, Missouri..... Charlotte Renne entertained a guest from Washington, D. C., recently... Bernice, Lorraine, and Yvonne Meuers also entertained a visitor from Washington.....Foye Byrd enjoyed a 3-day visit with her fiancé in New Orleans over New Year's.....The Christmas party in Mr. Light's office was a great success.....Jack Porterfield was inducted into the

Army at Ft. Leavenworth, January 14. Reports Section had a Christmas luncheon on December 24.....John Barber left for Ft. Leavenworth to enter the U. S. Army on January 2. Mrs. Barber reports that on January 6, John went on KP duty from 3:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.....Clarice Andrews and Lucile Bateman have been detailed to the Pay Roll Section.... Those who spent the holidays out of Kansas City were: Virginia Lee Davis, Clarice Andrews, Verna Brewer, Reba Reed, Corrine Matter, Mabel Kluttz, Olga Markham, Robert Beach, Alma Franklin, Delta Vaughan, Frank Kearney, Mada Martin, Mercedes Goodson, Mae Spangler, Mary Jane Blyholder, Jean McRae, Luella Cogswell, Mary Foster, Betty Kempton, and Gertrude Foerster.

RACC of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Katherine Pelton's son, 2nd Lieut. R. H. Pelton of the Medical Administrative Corps, stopped on his way to his home in Sioux City, Iowa for a 10-day leave, before reporting to the Los Angeles Medical Depot in Los Angeles, California.

#### OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Holiday visitors to the Washington office included Marie Zandonini, Catherine Donnelly, and Mary L. Lewis. Needless to say we were glad to get some first hand information on K. C. doin's.....Mrs. Gadde dropped in to say she heard from

Nick Margaritis who is quite proud, and justly so, of receiving his commission as Lieutenant on Dec. 17 in the "paratroopers".....We, the Washington Employees, hope that the Central Office Employees had a nice Christmas. Things were very much "as usual" here Christmas Eve - worked until 5:30 - no parties or nuthin'.

### CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING

Everybody in FCA works on cooperative credit all the year around. But at this time of year it's our own cooperative--the FCA Employees Federal Credit Union--that has our attention. It's annual meeting time.

This year we don't have much excuse for not attending our annual meeting--not like NFLA and PCA members who have to use their valuable tires and gasoline to get to their meetings. Even our group riders can come, for the administrative officers of FCA have granted credit union members, who can be spared from their offices, the privilege of attending the meeting which will be held during office hours, at 4:30 p.m. on January 20 in room 2941.

The annual meeting offers an opportunity for each member to cast his vote in electing the officials of the credit union. Members also have the privilege of nominating directors and members of the supervisory and credit committees who will then

be placed on the slate of officers to be elected by vote of the members. While suggestions for improving the operations of the credit union are encouraged at all times, it is hoped members will come to the annual meeting with constructive suggestions.

Members will want to hear the report of the first 9 months of our credit union's operation. All credit unions have their problems. Ours is no exception. Loan volume of all Federal credit unions as reported by the Federal Reserve Board showed a distinct downward trend through 1942, being 34 percent less in November than a year ago.

But let's learn more about our cooperative by coming to the annual meeting Wednesday. (MF)

### CLUB LIBRARY SALE

The Farm Credit Club Library will hold its customary 6-month book sale on January 16. The prices of books are as follows:

Biographies .....	75¢
Fiction .....	50¢
Mysteries .....	35¢

The sale will start at 12 o'clock, and the library will be open on Saturday afternoon from 12 to 2 p.m. to facilitate the sale. Books will continue on sale next week during regular library hours.



## BRING YOUR LUNCH

- (1) Bring your lunch.
- (2) Save time.
- (3) Avoid crowded restaurants.
- (4) Eat in the lunchroom, room 2941.
- (5) Open from 11:30 to 2:30

## PANE STUDIES FCA

Victor A. Pane, banker of Asuncion, Paraguay, is in Kansas City to continue his studies of farm credit as applied by the FCA.

Mr. Pane, who pronounces his name Pah-neigh, with the accent on the last syllable, is one of three members of a bankers' study mission from Paraguay.

While Mr. Pane has been studying farm credit, he has been teaching "farm creditors" some Spanish fables and also telling us some of the customs of the various South American countries, especially those pertaining to the Christmas season. Our Spanish Conversation Luncheon Club has enjoyed "the visiting professor" immensely. (AED)

## THE PASSING OF THE GOBBOON

December Eighteenth was a sad day of doom

For it marked the passing of our bright brass Gobboon.

For many a year it has set at our feet,  
But now rests with honor upon the scrap heap.

Some kept it looking very shiny and clean  
Others, try as they would, could not stay on the beam.

To the chaste Puritanical it had little use,  
But was a blessing to those whose habits were loose.

From this loss and discomfort our chagrin will turn sweet  
If each one does its bit toward the Axis defeat. (SUB)

# Sportlight



## BOWLING

January 4 - Field Acctg. and Legal racked up clean sweeps over Personnel and Files as the bowlers resumed hostilities after the holidays. In other matches, F&A, Graphic, Co-op, and Land Bank were two-game winners over Mtg. Corp., Reports, Admin., and Accounts, respectively. Graphic moved into undisputed possession of the runner-up spot, 10 games behind M.C. Individual highs were chalked up by: Hein of Reports, 213-569; Frazee of Co-op, 563; Menk of Land Bank, 562; Frank Jones of Graphic, 540; Fowler of M.C., 519; and W. Thompson of Reports, 500.

January 11 - Monday night was full of surprises for the unwary. Field Acctg. tossed a bombshell at Reports by sweeping all three with Simpson's 201-486, Rall's 200-485, and Ganley's 479 paving the way. Hein's 512 was in vain for the "Gashousers" who nosedived to the fifth slot with the winners moving into a third place tie with Admin. who dropped Personnel twice as McClurg and Maguire fired 488 and 485. Havelka's 500 for the losers was a match high. Jack Fowler's 201 single and 580 set prevented Graphic from taking all three from M.C. who seems to be in the doldrums with 4 losses out of the last 6 starts. Ritter's 489 and Jones' 476 paced the artists who held on to their second-place spot. Land Bank continued their fast pace by bouncing F&A twice and now have won 16 out of their last 21 starts. Menk's fine 207-578 and Tomasillo's 499 were the main blows for the Bankers. However, F&A came out strong with a big 850 game in the nightcap with Jack Porterfield's 224 single leading the scores. Bark's 486 set was high for the losers. Accounts took the

last two from Files despite an 88-pin handicap. Bob Mills' 490 topped a 2,341 team set for the winners although Capt. Harry Schlick's 512 was high for the match. Cooperative couldn't stand prosperity and lost the last game to Legal's 810 effort. Steffey, Sanders, and Frazee carried the load for the winners although the 475 and 474 sets of Geo. Thomson and Brownell took individual set honors.

#### Team Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>
Mortgage Corp.	35	13	35,706
Graphic	26	22	32,545
Administrative	25	23	35,263
Field Accounting	25	23	32,082
Finance & Accounts	24	24	34,095
Reports	23	25	37,329
Legal	23	25	34,682
Personnel	23	25	32,021
Land Bank	22	26	33,786
Accounts	21	27	34,220
Files	21	27	32,875
Cooperative	21	27	30,201

#### Records

H.T.G. - Reports	932
H.T.S. - Reports	2,470
H.I.G. - McWhirt	234
H.I.S. - Morrison	598

#### Averages

Fowler	170-9	McClurg	166-21
Menk	169-32	Prewitt	163-19

#### FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Stenographic copped the odd game from Admin cut their lead to 2 games. Nelson's 168-439 was high for this match. Central Office Acctg. and Audit scored clean sweeps over Long-Term Credit and Short-Term Credit, respectively. Peterson's 161-414 paced the Auditors. Exam. bounced back to take the last two from F&A with Ruch banging out 167-433. Co-op knocked Personnel out of their second place spot by copping the first 2 games. Reck of the losers took individual match honors with 153-432.

General Files posted a twin win over Bond and Cash. Gustafson of the losers splattered the maples for 163.

#### Team Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>
Administrative	32	16	27,594
Cent. Office Acctg.	30	18	28,794
Personnel	29	19	27,769
Examination	29	19	26,093
Audit	29	19	25,078
Stenographic	28	20	26,766
Cooperative	28	20	26,004
Bond & Cash	22	26	24,861
Long-Term Credit	20	28	25,154
Short-Term Credit	19	29	25,150
Finance & Accounts	12	36	24,044
General Files	10	38	21,863

#### Averages

Ruch	141.23	Bark	138.28
McGee	140.25	Nelson	133.41

#### Records

H.T.G. - Personnel	723
H.T.S. - Examination	2,051
H.I.G. - Albrecht	214
H.I.S. - McGee	507

#### BASKETBALL

A closing flurry of baskets sent the Farm Credit cagers down to a 28-23 defeat at the hands of the K. C. Quartermaster Depot at Benton School last Thursday night. The game, close all the way, saw the teams deadlocked, 10-all, at half-time. Farm Credit enjoyed a 3-point lead until the final five minutes when lax guarding proved their downfall. Ward, Bateman, and Prewitt collected seven, six, and six points, respectively, for the FCA basketekers.

All games will be played on Thursday nights at the Benton School, 30th and Benton Blvd. FCA meets T.W.A. in their next game and tangles with Centropolis Baptist at 7:10 on January 21 and 2nd Presbyterian at 8:10 p.m. on January 28.